

February 4, 2016

Mr. Steve Zimmer, President
Board of Education, Los Angeles Unified School District
333. S. Beaudry Avenue, 24th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear President Zimmer,

We want to thank the Los Angeles Unified School District for adopting the Good Food Purchasing Policy (GFPP). Companies in the food supply chain for school systems should be evaluated against meaningful guidelines to ensure the food is locally-sourced, fair, humane, environmentally sustainable, and nutritious.

We are writing to urge you to ensure that any company awarded a new contract for poultry procurement adhere to the GFPP guidelines. At the heart of your endeavor is a need for transparency and accountability throughout the procurement process. We urge you to require vendors to publicly disclose their efforts to provide chicken to LAUSD at the 5-star level of the GFPP, and allow public review and comment on the bidders' proposed plans.

Again, we applaud your commitment to ensuring the well-being of school children and those in the food supply chain, including workers, farmers, animals, the environment, and local economies.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Organization for Competitive Markets
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
Oxfam America
Contract Poultry Growers Association of the Virginias
Real Food Challenge
Ohio Farmers Union
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
National Employment Law Project
Slow Food California

CC: George McKenna, LAUSD Board Member, District 1; Monica Garcia, LAUSD Board Member, District 2; Scott Schmerelson, LAUSD Board Member, District 3; Ref Rodriguez, LAUSD Board Member, District 5; Monica Ratliff, LAUSD Board Member, District 6; Richard Vladovic, LAUSD Board Member, District 7; Michelle King, LAUSD Superintendent

